Mr. A. B. Salem.—Whether any advertisement was made to ascertain this ?

President.—He has already answered that question. He could not get any body from the Cochin State.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If there is any body like that, surely I would have known out of my experience of medical administration for the last seven years.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sub-division (4). Do these lepers require more self-sacrifice than typhoid patients, pneumonia patients or any such dire diseased persons.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—O yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What are the difficulties ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If you put a specific question I shall answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The answer to my question is, it will be managed on non-sectarian lines.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That is not the only answer. Please read further.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask what are the difficulties. Evidently there are no difficulties.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The difficulty is to find self-sacrificing men.

24. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Leper Asylum has already been handed over to the Salvation Army ;

(b) if so, under what terms;

(c) will a copy of the agreement, if any, be placed on the table?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). The terms and agreement have not been finally fixed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it finally decided to hand over the management to the Salvation Army ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. It has been announced in the last Council.

Members.—No, no.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it already settled?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is already settled.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the delay due to ? Is it because the actual building is not complete, because the whole amount is not spent ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. Improvements have to be effected.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How much money more has to be spent for that ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About five to six thousand rupees.

Removal of Boothamkulam toddy shop.

25. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Boothamkulam toddy shop No. 155 has been removed farther away from Muslim quarters as promised by the present Excise Member's predecessor orally on the floor of this House during the last Budget Session and by his predecessor in writing before that;

(b) if it has not been, what the reasons for the delay are;

(c) whether the site of the present toddy shop is not nearer to Muslim quarters than that of 1105;

(d) whether the Government is aware that locating toddy shops near Muslim quarters is objectionable to them?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) The promise was to move the shop from the site of 1105. This has been done.

(b) No answer is necessary.

(c) There is not much difference.

(d) Yes, if it is too close. Further the present site is properly screened from public view.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, may I take that the grievances have been removed or redressed?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—So far as possible.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Is the Government aware that the grievances of the residents remain as before?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—May I take it that the present toddy shop is nearer the Muslim quarters than of 1105?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Not nearer.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—There is not much difference.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have not actually measured.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Whether the site of the present toddy shop is nearer?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not think it is nearer.

Petitions of the Salt Contarctor.

26. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the orders passed by the Government on the petitions dated 1st Dhanu 1100 and (2) 10th Medam 1100 referred to in the answer to question No. 134 of the Legislative Session of 1103?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon—The petitions were recorded,

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